



Memorandum of Intent to Collaborate

between

The University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA

and

Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland

Preamble

The purpose of this agreement is to outline the mutual responsibilities of the University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA (UMass Lowell), and Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland (DCU), in an association that both institutions believe will be mutually beneficial and will result in the enhancement of key areas of research and student learning at each institution.

Article I: Principle of Collaboration

UMass Lowell and DCU agree to develop their academic links under the principle of mutual understanding, mutual benefits, common interests, and mutually complementary activities.

Article II: Aim of Collaboration

- (1) To encourage visits by faculty from each University for the purpose of engaging in research and educational activities;
- (2) To support the exchange of both undergraduate and graduate students;
- (3) To promote links between both institutions in teaching, research and cultural activities;
- (4) To provide opportunities for the development of joint research programs;
- (5) To foster the exchange of academic publications and scholarly research;
- (6) To share experiences and expertise concerning university administration and management;
- (7) To promote academic activities that will enhance the goals listed above.

Article III: Area of Collaboration

Areas of collaboration can include any academic or other programs offered at UMass Lowell and DCU, respectively. The terms of cooperation for each activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon by the two institutions on a case-by-case basis.

Article IV: Implementation

Both Universities understand and agree that:

- (1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this MOU will be submitted through the Chief Executive Officers, or their designees, on both sides.
- (2) The specific terms and conditions for each activity will be written down in an addendum to this MOU prior to the beginning of the activity.
- (3) Upon completion of the first 6 months of each project, a written progress and evaluation report should be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, or his/her designee, on both sides.
- (4) The two institutions will continue to pay the regular in-country salary of their respective staff members on exchange or visiting programs. However, under specific contracts or programs, the host institute may consider paying a supplemental salary or stipend, either directly or through external funding agencies, to visiting scholars during the period of their assignment.
- (5) Student exchanges will apply to undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students at both institutions, and may include practical, industrial or community service attachments.
- (6) The host university will assist in finding reasonable accommodation for participating students.
- (7) Each institution will be responsible for seeking funds to support its involvement in the cooperative activities contemplated under this agreement, and all such activities will be negotiated separately and be dependent upon the budgetary appropriations of the parties.
- (8) The host institution is not responsible for the costs of medical treatment or hospitalization for visiting scholars or students. Appropriate health insurance is compulsory for all visiting scholars and students and both Universities require visitors to obtain overseas health insurance coverage from their home countries.

Article V: Duration and Termination of the Agreement

- (1) This MOU is effective as of the date of signature by the Chief Executive Officers, or their designees, from both institutions.
- (2) This MOU may be amended at any time by written mutual consent of both Universities.
- (3) This MOU may be terminated by either University by the provision of written notice of termination not less than six months prior to the desired termination date. However, both institutions agree that all continuing obligation to students, faculty, staff, funding bodies or other entities will be met in full subsequent to notice of termination.

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